

Abraham Lincoln



From the Cradle to the Grave.

Lincoln Museum

Near Ferris Wheel,
Next to Illinois State Building.

World's Fair 1904.

LINCOLN'S CHILDHOOD HOME IN KENTUCKY, 1813-1816.

Hardin (now Larnie county), Kentucky, is a feature of the rich and valuable collection of Lincoln relics to be seen in the Lincoln Museum, World's Fair. Numbered amongst the nation's most sacred relics is the childhood home of our martyred hero, Abraham Lincoln, and numbered amongst the most interesting historic exhibits at the great St. Louis World's Fair will be that sacred log cabin. To this log hut he moved with his family when 4 years old in 1813. Here the Lincoln family lived until they went to Indiana in 1816.



The old log hut has remained in the same spot where Thomas Lincoln (Abraham's father) erected it nearly a century ago; many of the logs are badly decayed, but it has been brought, piece by piece, to the Lincoln Museum and has been erected just as it stood at the time it was taken down.

Since the sale of the property in 1816, by Thomas Lincoln (the sale price being \$20 in money and ten barrels of whiskey), the property has changed hands many times, usually being sold for taxes. Yet the original and quaint cabin, in all its antiquity, will be seen at the great World's Fair.

There will also be exhibited in the Lincoln Museum, in full operation, the old loom and spinning wheels and other parts of the mechanism used by Nancy Hanks Lincoln, in manufacturing the cloth for the clothing of the then future President.

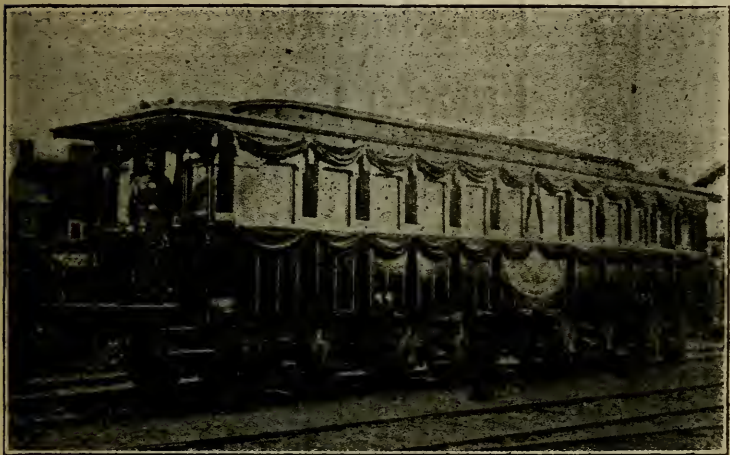
This, however, constitutes but a part of the rare and valuable collection of smaller Lincoln relics to be seen in the museum.

One admission takes you all the way through.

LINCOLN CAR.

- Of all the interesting exhibits at the World's Fair, there is none that has created more general attention or is viewed with a greater reverence and affection than the old Historic "Lincoln Car" since its arrival and installation in the Lincoln Museum, World's Fair grounds. None of the visitors at the museum who see this sacred relic go away without gazing at the old coach for some time with affectionate interest, and few look at it save with uncovered heads.

Although the car now is in a delapidated condition, plainly showing that it has been abandoned to the cold storms of winter and the sun's hot rays of summer for too many years, it is still the car used by President Lincoln and his cabinet during the war and later carried his remains to Springfield, Ill., interment. Time has made sad changes both within and without. From a beautifully decorated exterior its sides are cracked and weather beaten. Inside the three compartments fine furnishings have been removed and the elegant crimson colored silk with which the



entire insides were tufted and upholstered have been removed by the hands of vandals. Yet for all of this it is the old private coach of President Lincoln—the only railroad car ever built by the United States Government for the use of a President and cabinet. The visitors to the World's Fair who see it recognize in it a national treasure of incomparable value and rich association.

At the close of the war it was sold by the government to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, at Omaha, Neb. It has remained their property until the fall of 1903 when after seven years of negotiating it was sold for a large consideration to Mr. F. B. Snow who has placed it in the "Lincoln Museum" with most of the original furniture belonging to it, even to the old bed sofa which he slept on while on his tours, and which (according to the late Geo. M. Pullman) was the forerunner of the berths in his now famous sleepers.

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